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1. GENERAL DEBATE ON THE ECOSOC REPORT CONTINUED THE MORNING OF NOV 30 WITH NINE SPEAKERS TAKING THE FLOOR. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.
2. USSR REP PRAISED THE WORK OF THE 25TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT URGING THAT THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT BE IMPLEMENTED. TURNING HIS SIGHTS ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HE PRAISED THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE BUT LAMENTED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES "TO SABOTAGE THE WORK OF THE GROUP." USSR ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE 33D SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) HAD MADE "TANGIBLE PROGRESS" WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RHODESIA AND THE ARAB OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
3. CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON PRAISED THE WORK OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE BUT NOTED THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAD IGNORED THE APPEALS THAT IT END ITS "MASSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS." HE ALSO CHASTIZED THE "MILITARY JUNTA" FOR ITS TIES WITH THE "RACIST
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REGIMES" OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. MOZAMBIQUE REP IN EARLIER SPEECH HAD ALSO CONDEMNED THESE TIES AND NOTED THAT CHILE WAS THE ONLY NATION THAT HAD RECOGNIZED THE TRANSKEI.
4. YUGOSLAV REP DEVOTED SPEECH TO HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AND SAID IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT SOME STATES USE THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS "TO PROMOTE THE BLOC RIVALRY."

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HE STATED CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN BOTH SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, ADDING THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WERE ENTITLED TO THEIR OWN STATE
5. MEXICAN REP, SPEAKING ON THE QUESTION OF MIGRANT WORKERS, HOPED THE COMMITTEE WOULD SET GUIDELINES FOR THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM AT THE MULTILATERAL LEVEL. SHE REITERATED MEXICO'S CONCERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND DEFENDED THE RIGHTS OF "UNDOCUMENTED" WORKERS WHO CROSS BORDERS WITHOUT THE PROPER PAPERS. THE MIGRANT WORKERS WHO FALL UNDER THIS "IRREGULAR STATUS IN FOREIGN STATES SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE, NOT PENAL LAW."
MEXICO BELIEVED THAT THE HRC AND THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SHOULD COORDINATE THEIR WORK WITH RESPECT TO MIGRANT WORKERS.
6. TURKISH REP SAID BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS. THESE WORKERS SHOULD BE AFFORDED: 1) THE PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY RIGHTS AND 2) EQUALITY OF TREATMENT WITH NATIVE WORKERS. TURKEY SAW DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/32/L.39 AS BEING A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EFFORT.
7. HUNGARY, NIGER, AND CHILE ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO THE QUESTION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. BOTH HUNGARY AND NIGER STRESSED THAT A PRECONDITION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS A JUST (EQUAL) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME. HUNGARY
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FURTHER STATED THAT IT FULLY SUPPORTED THE REPORT ON COOPERATIVES THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE 33D GA.
CHILE EMPHASIZED THAT THE WEALTHY NATIONS MUST COME TO THE AID OF THE LDCS AND THAT AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS NEEDED ON ALL LEVELS.

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